(b) whether this question was discussed at a conference on anti-terror law;

(c) whether at a conference of inter-State and international terrorism resulted in the creation of a National Investigation Agency and it is equally important to have a federal law; and

(d) if so, whether Government has accepted the suggestion and what steps are being taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act which is the comprehensive central Act to combat terrorism has been amended and notified on 31.12.2008 to strengthen the punitive measures to combat terrorism. The National Investigation Agency Act has been enacted and Notified on 31.12.2008 and under the said Act the National Investigation Agency has been constituted, to investigate and prosecute offences under the Acts specified in the Schedule. These legislations are culmination of deliberations in several fora including State Chief Minister's conferences, Standing Committees of Parliament, Second Administrative Reforms Commission, Several Experts Groups etc.

Bunkers and observation towers built by Pakistan on IB

2207. SHRI N.K. SINGH:
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Border Security Force (BSF) has recently claimed that Pakistan is building bunkers and observation towers on the International Border with India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the BSF had lodged any protest with the Pakistani Rangers on the construction of bunkers and towers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the further reaction of the Pakistani rangers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) As per available information, Pakistan has constructed 19 bunkers and 39 O.P. Towers along the International Border during the current year.

(c) and (d) BSF has lodged strong protest notes with the counterpart. The matter has also been discussed with the Pakistan Rangers at various levels. However, Pakistan Rangers generally deny construction of new bunkers and claim that the existing defence structures are being renovated.